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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT:

Meeting of Baird Associates,
Cambridge, Massachusetts Regarding
Celestial Navigation System I

1. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:

The meeting was held 9 February 1956 in the Cambridge office of Baird Associates.

2. ATTENDANCE:

Baird Associates
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Baird Associates
Project Staff

3. DISCUSSION:

a. Status of Prototype Development:

The undersigned reviewed a completely assembled model of prototype no. 1 and witnessed laboratory based tests which were apparently successful. Exceptionally bad weather prevented any actual celestial observations at the present time. The delivery schedule of 15 February appears to be well within the capability of Baird and it is assumed that the prototype no. 1 will be delivered to P & E on or before that date. Present scheduling calls for 2 or 3 days at P & E for final assembly with the periscope unit. This assembly will then be tested and sent to Lockheed for installation. If [redacted] security clearance arrives prior to this date it is essentially necessary that he accompanies prototype no. 1 to Lockheed and

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supervises its installation and test in the aircraft. It was felt desirable that both [redacted] be available at Water-town when the aircraft arrives for flight testing. Prototype no. 2 is complete but unassembled at the present time and the delivery date of 25 February seems likely to be realized. Likewise the final report consisting of 2 volumes will also be ready prior to 25 February.

b. Future Delivery Schedules:

Bearing in mind the desire to have 4 units installed by 30 March, the undersigned requested that Baird attempt to speed the delivery of units 3 and 4 by 5 days each. This makes delivery dates for 3, 4, and 5 to be 10, 17, and 29 March respectively.

[redacted] feels that while this will require overtime work to continue at its present rate he believes that this requirement can be met.

[redacted] was also given verbal instruction to go ahead and procure all parts necessary for production of units 3 through 10. It is felt that procurement of these parts is necessary at this time in order to insure the desired delivery schedules.

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c. Definitive Contract:

[redacted] was informed that [redacted] is in the process of completing a definitive contract which will supersede all letter contracts terminating 25 February. This contract will be delivered to Baird within the next 2 weeks and provide for payment of all work through 25 February.

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[redacted] requested that if at all possible the present contract be closed out and provision made for price determination and payment as soon after 25 February as possible. Baird would prefer an amendment or new contract also of the CNY type to provide coverage for production of items 3 through 10 and their associated Operating and Maintenance Instruction Books and the necessary spares for field maintenance. At the present time an estimated price for this area of work will be approximately \$100,000. It is, therefore, requested that [redacted] contact [redacted] and make whatever preliminary arrangements are necessary to provide for contract termination and payment.

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d. Arrangements for Purchase of Equipment:

In a discussion with [redacted] it was determined that the reason behind his request for Government purchase of the

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